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CONFRATERNITY

OF THE

Holy Name of Jesus.

GOD hath given him a name which is above every name, that in the name of JESUS every knee should bow, of those that are in heaven, on earth, and under the earth.—PHIL. ii. 10, 11.

ORIGIN OF THE CONFRATERNITY.

Among the decrees of the Second General Council of Lyons, one of the most remarkable declares that the Fathers of the Council, appalled by the universal prevalence of blasphemy, cursing, and wicked oaths, ordained that by way of reparation for them, a special devotion should be instituted to the Holy Name of Jesus. Blessed Gregory X., who had convoked and presided at the Council, commissioned the Dominican Fathers to announce to all nations a devotion which would inspire reverence and love to the Sacred Name of Jesus. They therefore instituted the Confraternity of the Holy Name, which was solemnly approved by the Church, and enriched with numerous and great indulgences.

INDULGENCES GRANTED TO THE CON-
FRATERNITY.

I. PLENARY.

1. On the day of admission.
2. On the second Sunday of each month for assisting at the procession in honour of the Holy Name.
3. On the feast of the Circumcision (January 1st).
4. On the feasts of the mysteries of the Holy Name, which are accounted the same as those of the Rosary.
5. On the feast of the Holy Name of Jesus (second Sunday after the Epiphany).
6. At the hour of death, for invoking with a contrite heart the adorable Name of Jesus.

II. PARTIAL.

1. For each devout invocation of the Holy Name, thirty-two days indulgence.
2. For bowing the head at the Holy Names of Jesus and Mary, thirty days indulgence.
3. Ten years for preachers who exhort the faithful to avoid irreverent and blasphemous language.

And numerous other Indulgences.

MEMBERSHIP.

Persons of either sex can become Members of this Confraternity. They should, in order to gain the indulgences, give their names (if possible, *personally*) to a Dominican Father, to be entered by him in the Register of the Confraternity.

The Members do not take upon themselves any *special* obligations, but they are earnestly exhorted :

1. To abstain entirely from all blasphemous, light, or false oaths, as well as from irreverence or levity of any kind, regarding God, the Most Holy Sacrament, the Blessed Virgin, the Saints, or any persons, things, or ceremonies, consecrated to the service of holy religion.

2. Parents, masters, and teachers are enjoined to hinder similar offences in those under their care.

3. To make mental reparation for any irreverences or blasphemies they may chance to hear.

4. To repeat frequently and with devotion the Holy Name of Jesus, that "Name of Names" which is "above all Names," "in which alone we must be saved."—Acts iv. 12.

ERECTION.

For the canonical erection of this Confraternity in any church not served by the Dominican Fathers, it is necessary to obtain the permission of the Bishop of the Diocese and of the Master-General of the Order of St. Dominic.

SPECIAL SODALITY FOR MEN.



THE Sodality of the Holy Name of JESUS is intended for men, and for boys, who must have left school, and have made their first Communion, before they can be received as Members.

The principal *Object* of the Sodality is to encourage its Members to honour that Name "which is above every name," and at the same time to secure the salvation of their souls, by having frequent recourse to the two great means of grace—Prayer, and the Holy Sacraments.

There are *Special Rules* to be kept by all the Members, each one on his formal entrance into the Sodality making a solemn resolution to lead a good Christian life, and to repair, by his love and devotion, the outrages con-

tinually offered to the Most Holy Name of God.

The Sodality is divided into Sections, each comprising about twenty members. The method of division followed ensures, as far as possible, those who live near each other being members of the same Section, though of course this cannot always be guaranteed. Each Section is under the patronage of a Saint, whose name is inscribed on the standard affixed to the benches occupied by the Section in the church.

Certain Sections are set apart exclusively for BOYS AND YOUTHS, and are placed under the guardianship of St. Thomas Aquinas, to whom, as the Protector of their innocence, the Members of these Sections should cultivate a special devotion.

PUBLIC DEVOTIONS are held in the church every Wednesday evening at eight o'clock, when the names of those who wish to join the Sodality are received.

BRIEF SUMMARY OF RULES.

1. To live as a good Christian in accordance with the Solemn Resolution (see page 30); and consequently to avoid all dangerous occasions, such as drinking to excess, bad company, &c.
2. To go to Confession and Communion at least once a month.
3. To attend the Weekly Meeting of the Sodality on Wednesday evening.
4. To be especially watchful against any breach of the Second Commandment.

Recom- mendation. Members should try to form a habit of saying to themselves, "*Praised be Jesus Christ,*" whenever the Second Commandment is broken in their hearing, in order to repair, as far as they can, the insult thereby offered to the Holy Name of God. Every time they do this they will gain an indulgence of 100 days.

The Rules.



ORGANISATION OF THE SODALITY.

1. Director. The Superior of the Church where the Sodality is established may himself be its Director ; or he may appoint one of his assistant clergy to act as Director in his stead.

2. Secretary. One of the Members is chosen by the Director to fulfil the office of Secretary. His duty is to prepare the attendance books for the Prefects. He has also to mark the attendance of the Prefects, to enter the results of their books into the General Attendance Book, and to keep the Register of Members. He likewise assists the Director in various other ways. Should

his duties, by reason of the increase of the Sodality, become too heavy, the Director will appoint an Assistant-Secretary to share them.

3. **Prefects,** The Director appoints at the
 and head of each Section a Prefect,
Sub-Prefects. who retains office at his will.

His duty is to be in his place some minutes before the time appointed for the Meetings, in order to mark the attendance of his Section. In the event of any Member being absent from two consecutive Meetings, he should visit him and inquire the reason of his absence. He has to report to the Director any cases of sickness which may occur amongst the Members of his Section, in order that they may be prayed for at the Meetings, and to the Secretary any changes of address, so that the necessary alteration may be made in his book. The Prefect is assisted by a Sub-Prefect, who will fulfil his duties for him in his absence, of which he must always *previously*

inform the Director. Prefect and Sub-Prefect should never be absent from the same Meeting.

4. Other Officers. The Director may also appoint other Officers, as he shall see fit, to assist him in maintaining the order and regularity necessary for the devout performance of the exercises of the Sodality.

5. Meeting of Officers. The Director assembles the Secretary, Prefects, and other Officers of the Sodality at least four times a year to receive from them information as to its general spirit, the state of the sections, &c. He will at the same time give them any instructions which circumstances may render necessary for the preservation of good order and devotion amongst the Members.

DEVOTIONS OF THE SODALITY.

6. Weekly Meeting. The Members assemble in the church every Wednesday evening at eight o'clock, to recite together the Litany of the Holy Name of Jesus, and other Devotions of the Sodality. An instruction is given (ordinarily by the Director) on some point of Christian doctrine or practice, and the Meeting concludes with Benediction of the Most Holy Sacrament.

7. Monthly Communion. On the second Sunday of each month the Members will receive Holy Communion together at the eight o'clock Mass.*

* When the number of members is very large, it may be more convenient to form the Sections into two or more divisions, one receiving Holy Communion on the second, and the other on the third Sunday of the month. On special occasions, however, such as the feast of the Holy Name of Jesus (the second Sunday after the Epiphany) and the conclusion of the annual retreat, there should be a General Communion for the entire Sodality.

Members should not take off their Medals, nor leave their seats after the Mass, until a sufficient time for thanksgiving has elapsed.

8. Annual Retreat. Every year there will be a special Retreat of three days for Members of the Sodality. It will take place, if possible, in the month of January, during the week preceding the Feast of the Holy Name of Jesus. A discourse will be given each evening, and all should endeavour to hear Mass on the mornings of those days.

9. Medals. Every Member must wear his Medal at all the Weekly Meetings and Monthly Communions, as well as at other times when the Sodality may be assembled for purposes of devotion.

10. Absence. No Member should be absent from any of the Meetings or Communion without sending word to the Prefect of his Section.

RECEPTION OF MEMBERS.

11. Admission. Any person wishing to become a Member of the Sodality should apply for admission to the Director before or after the Wednesday evening Devotions. He should, if possible, be recommended by an existing Member, and be presented by him to the Director, who may admit him on trial. Before final admission, candidates for membership will undergo a probation of at least two months, in order to see if they are able to comply with the rules, attend the Meetings, Communions, &c. This period of probation may be prolonged at the discretion of the Director. Their probation over, candidates will be allowed to make the Solemn Resolution (see page 30), and will receive the Medal of the Sodality. This ceremony of Admission may take place at the close of the yearly retreat, or at any meeting, ordinary or special, which may be found convenient.

12. Dismissal. If any Member be guilty of scandalous conduct, and, after being admonished by the Director, do not amend, he will receive notice to leave the Sodality, and will forfeit his Medal.

13. Re-admission. Should the name of any one be removed from the Register of Members for such, or for any other cause, and at a subsequent time he should desire to be re-admitted, he will have to go through the same probation as upon his first reception.

FUNDS OF THE SODALITY.

14. Weekly Collection. Although no regular subscription is required of the Members, they should give, according to their ability, towards the Collection, which is made at the Weekly Meetings, to defray the various expenses connected with the Sodality.

DEATH OF MEMBERS.

15. **Mass for the Dead.** At the death of a Member, two Masses will be offered for the repose of his soul, one on the day after his decease, and the other on the following Sunday, notice of which will be given to the Members on the previous Wednesday evening, that any who are able to do so may assist at it. The offering for these Masses will be paid out of the funds of the Sodality.

ORDER OF DEVOTIONS AT THE WEEKLY MEETINGS.



*One or more decades of the Rosary, according
to the season. At the end all recite aloud
the "Salve Regina."*

Hail, Holy Queen, Mother of mercy, our life, our sweetness, and our hope, all hail ! To thee we cry, poor banished sons of Eve ; to thee we sigh, mourning and weeping in this vale of tears. Turn then, O our Advocate, thine eyes of mercy upon us, and after this our exile, show unto us the blessed fruit of thy womb, Jesus. O merciful, O kind, O sweet Virgin Mary.

V. Queen of the Most Holy Rosary, pray for us.

R. That we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ.

*Then follow the notices for the week, together
with a short instruction; after which is said*

THE LITANY OF THE HOLY
NAME OF JESUS.

(Indulgence of 300 days.)

Lord, have mercy on us,

Lord, have mercy on us.

Christ, have mercy on us,

Christ, have mercy on us.

Lord, have mercy on us,

Lord, have mercy on us.

Jesus, hear us,

Jesus, graciously hear us.

God the Father, of heaven,

God the Son, Redeemer of the world,

God the Holy Ghost,

Holy Trinity, one God,

Jesus, Son of the living God,

Jesus, Splendour of the Father,

Jesus, Brightness of eternal light,

Jesus, King of glory,

Jesus, Sun of Justice,

Have mercy on us.

Jesus, Son of the Virgin Mary,
Jesus, most amiable,
Jesus, most admirable,
Jesus, mighty God,
Jesus, Father of the world to come,
Jesus, Angel of great counsel,
Jesus, most powerful,
Jesus, most patient,
Jesus, most obedient,
Jesus, meek and humble of heart,
Jesus, Lover of chastity,
Jesus, Lover of us,
Jesus, God of peace,
Jesus, Author of Life,
Jesus, Example of virtues,
Jesus, zealous Lover of souls,
Jesus, our God,
Jesus, our Refuge,
Jesus, Father of the poor,
Jesus, Treasure of the faithful,
Jesus, Good Shepherd,
Jesus, true Light,
Jesus, Eternal Wisdom,

Have mercy on us.

Jesus, infinite Goodness,
Jesus, our Way and our Life,
Jesus, Joy of Angels,
Jesus, King of Patriarchs,
Jesus, Master of Apostles,
Jesus, Teacher of Evangelists,
Jesus, Strength of Martyrs,
Jesus, Light of Confessors,
Jesus, Purity of Virgins,
Jesus, Crown of all Saints,
Be merciful unto us,
Spare us, O Jesus.
Be merciful unto us,
Graciously hear us, O Jesus.
From all evil,
From all sin,
From Thy wrath,
From the snares of the devil,
From the spirit of uncleanness,
From everlasting death,
From the neglect of Thy inspiration,
Through the mystery of Thy holy Incarnation,

Have mercy on us.

Jesus, deliver us.

Through Thy Nativity,
Through Thine Infancy,
Through Thy most divine Life,
Through Thy Labours,
Through Thine Agony and Passion,
Through Thy Cross and Dereliction,
Through Thy Weariness and Faintness,
Through Thy Death and Burial,
Through Thy Resurrection,
Through Thine Ascension,
Through Thy Joys,
Through Thy Glory.

Jesus, deliver us.

Lamb of God, who takest away the sins of
the world,

Spare us, O Jesus.

Lamb of God, who takest away the sins of
the world,

Graciously hear us, O Jesus.

Lamb of God, who takest away the sins of
the world,

Have mercy on us, O Jesus.

Jesus, hear us,

Jesus, graciously hear us.

Let us pray.

O Lord Jesus Christ, who hast said : Ask, and ye shall receive ; seek, and ye shall find ; knock, and it shall be opened to you ; give, we beseech Thee, to us who ask, the grace of Thy most divine love, that with all our heart, words, and works, we may love Thee, and never cease to praise Thee.

Make us, O Lord, to have a perpetual fear and love of Thy Holy Name, for Thou never failest to govern those whom Thou dost solidly establish in Thy love, who livest and reignest for ever and ever. Amen.

MEMORARE.

Remember, O most gracious Virgin Mary, that never was it known that any one who fled to thy protection, implored thy help, and sought thy intercession, was left unaided. Inspired with this confidence, I fly unto thee, O Virgin of virgins, my Mother ; to thee I come, before thee I stand sinful and sorrow-

ful. O Mother of the Word Incarnate, despise not my petitions; but in thy mercy hear and answer me. Amen.

PRAYER TO ST. DOMINIC, PATRON OF THE
SODALITY.

V. O wonderful hope which thou gavest to those who wept for thee at the hour of thy death, promising after thy departure to be helpful to thy brethren.

R. Fulfil, O Father, what thou hast said, and help us by thy prayers.

V. O thou who didst shine illustrious by so many miracles, wrought on the bodies of the sick, bring us the help of Christ to heal our sick souls.

R. Fulfil, O Father, what thou hast said, and help us by thy prayers.

V. Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost.

R. Fulfil, O Father, what thou hast said, and help us by thy prayers.

V. Pray for us, O holy Father St. Dominic.

R. That we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ.

Let us pray.

O God, who hast enlightened Thy Church by the eminent virtues and preaching of St. Dominic, Thy Confessor and our Father, mercifully grant that by his prayers we may be provided against all temporal necessities, and daily improve in all spiritual good. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Should there be any sick Members to be prayed for, the Director says :

Let us say a Hail Mary for Members
of our Sodality who are sick.

Then he says :

Let us pray for the repose of the souls of the faithful departed, especially for and those who have been Members of the Sodality.

*Then all recite alternately with the
Director the*

DE PROFUNDIS.

Out of the depths have I cried unto Thee,
O Lord : Lord, hear my voice.

O let Thine ears consider well : the voice
of my supplication.

If Thou, O Lord, wilt mark iniquities :
Lord, who shall abide it ?

For with Thee there is merciful forgive-
ness : and because of Thy law, I have waited
for Thee, O Lord.

My soul hath waited on His word : my
soul hath hoped in the Lord.

From the morning watch even until night :
let Israel hope in the Lord.

For with the Lord, there is mercy : and
with Him is plenteous redemption.

And He shall redeem Israel : from all his
iniquities.

Eternal rest give to them, O Lord.

And let perpetual light shine upon them.

Let us pray.

O God, the Creator and Redeemer of all the faithful, grant unto the souls of Thy servants departed the remission of all their sins, that by pious supplications they may obtain the pardon they have always desired. Who livest and reignest for ever and ever. Amen.

May they rest in peace. Amen.

THE EXAMINATION OF CONSCIENCE.

The Director says :

Let us examine our consciences, that we may see what faults we have committed this day by thought, word, deed, or omission.

After a short pause, all repeat aloud with the Director the

ACT OF CONTRITION.

O my God, who are infinitely good in Thyself, and infinitely good to me, I beg pardon from my heart for all my offences against Thee. I am sorry for all my sins, and detest them above all things, because

they deserve Thy dreadful punishments, because they have crucified my loving Saviour Jesus Christ, and because they offend Thine infinite goodness ; and I am firmly resolved, by the help of Thy grace, never to offend Thee for the time to come, and carefully to avoid the occasions of sin.

The following is likewise to be said by all together :

Jesus, Mary and Joseph, I give you my heart and my soul.

Jesus, Mary, and Joseph, assist me in my last agony.

Jesus, Mary, and Joseph, may I breathe forth my soul in peace with you.

A hymn follows, during which the collection is made ; and the Meeting concludes with Benediction of the Most Holy Sacrament (see page 58).

ORDER TO BE OBSERVED AT THE
ADMISSION OF NEW MEMBERS.



After the instruction the hymn "Come, O Creator Spirit blest," (page 44) is sung, during which the prefects lead up to the Sanctuary the candidates for admission. The hymn being finished, the candidates repeat aloud, sentence by sentence, after the Director, the following

SOLEMN RESOLUTION.

O most merciful and loving Jesus—I offer to Thee this day—my body—my soul—all that I have—all that I am.

I promise Thee—by the help of Thy grace—to live a good Christian life—in order that I may save my soul—and also—that by my love and devotion—I may make some amends—for the outrages offered—to Thy Most Sacred Name of Jesus.

Holy Mary, help me to be faithful to my promise. Amen.

The Director then formally admits them into the Confraternity, saying :

In the name of the Most Holy Trinity, and by virtue of the faculties granted to me by the Master-General of the Order of Friars Preachers, I admit you all into the Confraternity of the Holy Name of Jesus canonically erected in this church, and I admit you to the participation of all the favours and indulgences granted by the Apostolic See to the same Confraternity ; earnestly beseeching our Lord Jesus Christ to give you strength to observe the promise you have made, and begging the Most Blessed Virgin Mary, our Holy Father St. Dominic, and all the Saints, to obtain for you the grace of final perseverance.

He then sprinkles the new Members with holy water, and having blessed the medals, he fastens one on the breast of each ; after which he says :

OREMUS.

Da nobis quæsumus Domine, perseverantem in Tua voluntate famulatum; ut merito et numero populus Tibi serviens augeatur. Per Christum Dominum nostrum. Amen.

Benedictio Dei omnipotentis, Patris ✠ et Filii, et Spiritus Sancti descendat super vos et maneat semper. Amen.

Then follows the usual hymn, and the ceremony concludes with Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament (see page 58).

Hymns.



1 THE HOLY NAME OF JESUS.

JESUS, the only thought of Thee
With sweetness fills my breast ;
But sweeter far it is to see,
And on Thy beauty feast.

No sound, no harmony so gay,
Can art or music frame ;
No thoughts can reach, no words can say,
The sweets of Thy blest name.

Jesus, our hope, when we repent,
Sweet source of all our grace ;
Sole comfort in our banishment,
Oh what when face to face !

No art or eloquence of man
Can tell the joys of love ;
Only the saints can understand
What they in Jesus prove.

Jesus! our only joy be Thou,
As Thou our prize wilt be;
Jesus! be Thou our glory now
And through eternity.

2 *THE PRAISES OF JESUS.*

WHEN morning gilds the skies,
My heart awaking cries,
 May Jesus Christ be praised :
Alike at work and prayer,
To Jesus I repair ;
 May Jesus Christ be praised.

When sleep her balm denies,
My silent spirit sighs ;
 May Jesus Christ be praised :
When evil thoughts molest,
With this I shield my breast,
 May Jesus Christ be praised.

Does sadness fill my mind ?
A solace here I find :
 May Jesus Christ be praised :

Or fades my earthly bliss?
My comfort still is this,
 May Jesus Christ be praised.

The night becomes as day,
When from the heart we say;
 May Jesus Christ be praised:
The powers of darkness fear,
When this sweet chant they hear
 May Jesus Christ be praised.

In heaven's eternal bliss,
The loveliest strain is this,
 May Jesus Christ be praised:
Let earth, and sea, and sky,
From depth to height reply,
 May Jesus Christ be praised.

Be this, while life is mine,
My canticle divine,
 May Jesus Christ be praised:
Be this the eternal song
Through ages all along,
 May Jesus Christ be praised.

3

HYMN FOR CHRISTMAS.

SEE ! amid the winter's snow
Born for us on earth below ;
See ! the tender Lamb appears,
Promised from eternal years !

Hail ! thou ever blessed morn !
Hail ! Redemption's happy dawn !
Sing through all Jerusalem,
Christ is born in Bethlehem !

Lo ! within a manger lies
He who built the starry skies ;
He who, throned in height sublime,
Sits amid the cherubim.

Hail ! thou ever-blessed morn ! &c.

Sacred Infant ! all divine !
What a tender love was Thine !
Thus to come from highest bliss
Down to such a world as this !

Hail ! thou ever-blessed morn ! &c.

Teach, oh teach us, holy Child !
By Thy face so meek and mild ;

Teach us to resemble Thee
In Thy sweet humility.

Hail ! thou ever-blessed morn ! &c.

Virgin Mother ! Mary blest !
By the joys that fill Thy breast,
Pray for us that we may prove
Worthy of the Saviour's love.

Hail ! thou ever-blessed morn ! &c.

4 HYMN OF REPENTANT SORROW.

JESUS, my God, behold at length the time,
When I resolve to turn away from crime ;
Oh, pardon me, Jesus, Thy mercy I implore,
I will never more offend Thee—no, never
more.

Since my poor soul Thy precious blood hath
cost,
Suffer me not for ever to be lost ;
Oh pardon me, &c.

Kneeling in tears, behold me at Thy feet,
Like Magdalen, forgiveness I entreat ;
Oh pardon me, &c.

5

JESUS CRUCIFIED.

Oh, come and mourn with me awhile !
See, Mary calls us to her side ;
Oh come and let us mourn with her ;
Jesus, our Love, is crucified !

Have we no tears to shed for Him,
While soldiers scoff and Jews deride ?
Ah ! look how patiently He hangs ;
Jesus, our Love, is crucified !

How fast His Hands and Feet are nailed ;
His blessed Tongue with thirst is tied ;
His failing Eyes are blind with blood ;
Jesus, our Love, is crucified !

His Mother cannot reach His Face ;
She stands in helplessness beside ;
Her heart is martyred with her Son's ;
Jesus, our Love, is crucified.

Seven times He spoke, seven words of love,
And all three hours His silence cried
For mercy on the souls of men ;
Jesus, our Love, is crucified !

What was Thy crime, my dearest Lord ?
 By earth, by heaven, Thou hast been tried,
 And guilty found of too much love ;
 Jesus, our Love, is crucified !

6 *THE BLESSED SACRAMENT.*

JESUS ! my Lord, my God, my all !
 How can I love Thee as I ought ?
 And how revere this wondrous gift,
 So far surpassing hope or thought ?
 Sweet Sacrament ! we Thee adore !
 Oh, make us love Thee more and more !

Had I but Mary's sinless heart
 To love Thee with, my dearest King !
 Oh, with what bursts of fervent praise
 Thy goodness, Jesus, would I sing !
 Sweet Sacrament ! &c.

Oh, see ! within a creature's hand
 The vast Creator deigns to be,
 Reposing infant-like, as though
 On Joseph's arm, or Mary's knee.
 Sweet Sacrament ! &c.

Thy Body, Soul, and Godhead all !
Oh, mystery of love divine !
I cannot compass all I have,
For all Thou hast and art are mine !
Sweet Sacrament ! &c.

7 THE SACRED HEART OF JESUS.

To Jesus' heart, all burning
With fervent love for men,
My heart with fondest yearning
Shall raise its joyful strain.
While ages course along,
Blest be with loudest song
The Sacred Heart of Jesus
By every heart and tongue !

O Heart, for me on fire
With love no man can speak,
My yet untold desire
God gives me for Thy sake.
While ages course along, &c.

Too true I have forsaken
Thy love by wilful sin ;
Yet now let me be taken
Back by Thy grace again.
While ages course along, &c.

As Thou art meek and lowly,
And ever pure of heart,
So may my heart be holy
Of Thine the counterpart.
While ages course along, &c.

8 *THE PRECIOUS BLOOD.*

HAIL, Jesus, hail ! who for my sake !
Sweet blood from Mary's veins didst take
And shed it all for me ;
Oh, blessèd be my Saviour's blood,
My life, my light, my only good,
To all eternity.

To endless ages let us praise
The precious blood, whose price could raise
The world from wrath and sin ;

Whose streams our inward thirst appease,
And heal the sinner's worst disease,
If he but bathe therein.

Oh sweetest blood, that can implore
Pardon of God, and heaven restore,
The heaven which sin had lost ;
While Abel's blood for vengeance pleads,
What Jesus shed still intercedes
For those who wrong Him most.

Oh, to be sprinkled from the wells
Of Christ's own sacred blood, excels
Earth's best and highest bliss ;
The ministers of wrath divine
Hurt not the happy hearts that shine
With these red drops of His.

Ah ! there is joy amid the saints,
And hell's despairing courage faints
When this sweet song we raise.
Oh, louder then and louder still,
Earth with one mighty chorus fill,
The precious blood to praise.

9

EVENING HYMN.

SWEET Saviour ! bless us ere we go ;
Thy word into our minds instil ;
And make our lukewarm hearts to glow
With lowly love and fervent will.
Through life's long day and death's dark night,
O gentle Jesus ! be our light !

The day is gone, its hours have run ;
And Thou hast taken count of all—
The scanty triumphs grace hath won,
The broken vow, the frequent fall.
Through life's long day, &c.

Grant us, dear Lord ! from evil ways
True absolution and release ;
And bless us more than in past days
With purity and inward peace.
Through life's long day, &c.

Sweet Saviour ! bless us ; night is come,
Mary and Joseph near us be !
Good Angels watch about our home,
And we are one day nearer Thee.
Through life's long day, &c.

10 *HYMN TO THE HOLY GHOST.*

**COME, O Creator Spirit blest !
And in our souls take up Thy rest ;
Come, with Thy grace and heavenly aid,
To fill the hearts which Thou hast made.**

**Great Paraclete ! to Thee we cry ;
Oh highest gift of God most high !
Oh fount of life ! Oh fire of love ;
And sweet anointing from above !**

**Thou in Thy sevenfold gifts art known,
Thee, Finger of God's Hand we own ;
The promise of the Father Thou !
Who dost the tongue with power endow.**

**Kindle our senses from above,
And make our hearts o'erflow with love ;
With patience firm, and virtue high,
The weakness of our flesh supply.**

**Far from us drive the foe we dread,
And grant us Thy true peace instead ;
So shall we not, with Thee for guide,
Turn from the path of life aside.**

Oh, may Thy grace on us bestow,
 The Father and the Son to know ;
 And Thee through endless times confessed,
 Of both, the Eternal Spirit blest.

All glory while the ages run,
 Be to the Father and the Son,
 Who rose from death ! the same to Thee,
 O Holy Ghost, eternally.

11 *OUR BLESSED LADY.*

HAIL, Queen of Heaven, the ocean star,
 Guide of the wanderer here below !
 Thrown on life's surge, we claim thy care,
 Save us from peril and from woe.
 Mother of Christ, Star of the Sea,
 Pray for the wanderer, pray for me.

Oh gentle, chaste, and spotless Maid,
 We sinners make our prayers through
 thee;
 Remind thy Son that He has paid
 The price of our iniquity.
 Virgin, most pure, Star of the Sea,
 Pray for the sinner, pray for me.

Sojourners in this vale of tears,
To thee, blest Advocate, we cry,
Pity our sorrows, calm our fears,
And soothe with hope our misery..
Refuge in grief, Star of the Sea,
Pray for the mourner, pray for me.

And while to Him who reigns above,
In Godhead One, in persons Three,
The source of life, of grace, of love,
Homage we pay on bended knee;
Do thou, bright Queen, Star of the Sea,
Pray for thy children, pray for me.

12 *MOTHER OF MERCY.*

MOTHER of Mercy, day by day
My love of thee grows more and more;
Thy gifts are strewn upon my way
Like sand upon the great sea-shore.

Though poverty and work and woe
The masters of my life may be,
When times are worst, who does not know
Darkness is light with love of thee?

But scornful men have coldly said
 Thy love was leading me from God ;
 And yet in this I did but tread
 The very path my Saviour trod.

They know but little of thy worth
 Who speak these heartless words to me ;
 For what did Jesus love on earth
 One half so tenderly as thee ?

Get me the grace to love thee more ;
 Jesus will give if thou wilt plead ;
 And, Mother, when life's cares are o'er,
 Oh, I shall love thee then indeed.

Jesus, when His three hours were run,
 Bequeathed thee from the Cross to me ;
 How can I rightly love thy Son,
 Sweet Mother, if I love not thee ?

13 THE MONTH OF MAY.

THIS is the image of our Queen
 Who reigns in bliss above,
 Of her who is the hope of men,
 Whom men and angels love

Most holy Mary ! at thy feet
I bend a suppliant knee ;
In this thy own sweet month of May
Pray thou to God for me.

The sacred homage that we pay
To Mary's image here,
To Mary's self, then on to God
Ascends the starry sphere.
Most holy Mary ! at thy feet
I bend a suppliant knee ;
In this thy own sweet month of May,
Pray thou to God for me.

Sweet are the flowers we have culled
This image to adorn,
But sweeter far is Mary's self,
That rose without a thorn !
Most holy Mary ! at thy feet
I bend a suppliant knee ;
In this thy own sweet month of May,
Pray thou to God for me.

O Lady, by the stars that make
A glory round thy head,

And by thy pure uplifted hands
 That for thy children plead,
 When at the Judgment-seat I stand,
 And my dread Saviour see,
 When hell is raging for my soul,
 Pray thou to God for me.

4 *FOR THE SOULS IN PURGATORY.*

Oh turn to Jesus, Mother, turn,
 And call Him by His tenderest names;
 Pray for the holy souls that burn
 This hour amid the cleansing flames.

Ah! they have fought a gallant fight;
 In death's cold arms they persevered;
 And after life's uncheery night
 The harbour of their rest is neared.

In pains beyond all earthly pains,
 Favourites of Jesus! there they lie,
 Letting the fire wear out their stains,
 And worshipping God's purity.

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Spouses of Christ they are, for He
Was wedded to them by His Blood,
And angels o'er their destiny
In wondering adoration brood.

Pray, then, as thou hast ever prayed ;
Angels and souls all look to thee ;
God waits their prayers, for He hath made
These prayers His law of charity.

15

ST. JOSEPH.

HAIL, holy Joseph, hail !
Sweet spouse of Mary, hail !
Chaste as the lily flower
In Eden's peaceful vale.

Hail, holy Joseph, hail !
Father of Christ esteemed ;
Father be thou to those
Thy Foster-Son redeemed.

Hail, holy Joseph, hail !
Prince of the house of God ;

May His best graces be
By thy sweet hands bestowed.

Hail, holy Joseph, hail !
Comrade of angels, hail !
Cheer thou the hearts that faint,
And guide the steps that fail.

Hail, holy Joseph, hail !
God's choice wert thou alone ;
To thee the Word made flesh
Was subject as a Son.

Hail, holy Joseph, hail !
Teach us our flesh to tame ;
And, Mary, keep the hearts
That love Saint Joseph's name.

Mother of Jesus, bless,
And bless, ye Saints on high,
All meek and simple souls
That to Saint Joseph cry.

16

ST. PATRICK.

HAIL, glorious Saint Patrick, dear Saint of our
isle !

On us, thy poor children, bestow a sweet
smile ;

And now thou art high in the mansions
above,

On Erin's green valleys look down in thy love.

Hail, glorious Saint Patrick, thy words were
once strong

Against Satan's wiles and a heretic throng ;
Not less in thy might where in heaven thou
art ;

Oh, come to our aid, in our battle take part.

In the war against sin, in the fight for the
faith,

Dear Saint, may thy children resist to the
death :

May their strength be in meekness, in penance,
and prayer,

Their banner the cross, which they glory to
bear.

Thy people, now exiles on many a shore,
 Shall love and revere thee till time be no
 more,
 And the fire thou hast kindled shall ever burn
 bright,
 Its warmth undiminished, undying its light.

Ever bless and defend the sweet land of our
 birth,
 Where the shamrock still blooms as when thou
 wert on earth,
 And our hearts shall yet burn wheresoever we
 roam,
 For God and Saint Patrick and our native
 home.

17

ST. DOMINIC,

PATRON OF THE SODALITY.

SOUND the mighty champion's praises ;
 Raise the song for him who came
 Charged to tell the Gospel tidings,
 Charged to spread the Gospel flame ;
 Lordly errand—
 Suiting well his lordly name.

Stainless as a virgin-lily,
Fervent as a flaming brand,
Lo ! he flies, still onward speeding,
Flies to do his Lord's command—
Flies to rescue
Captive souls from Satan's hand.

Treading down this world of evil,
To his mighty task he goes :—
Stript of all, he seeks the conflict,
Turns him to Christ's banded foes,
Grace sustaining,
With the fire that inward glows.

Lo ! his arms of heavenly temper—
Words and signs of wondrous power,
Prayers of love, and tears of pity :
Whilst his warrior children bore
His commission
Onward still from shore to shore.

Sing we to the Triune Godhead,
Honour, glory, power, and praise ;
May He at our Father's pleading,
Deign his children's souls to raise,
Cleansed and perfect,
To His reign of endless days. Amen.

18 ST. THOMAS AQUINAS,

PATRON OF THOSE WHO WEAR THE CORD.

FLOWER of innocence, Saint Thomas !

Unto thee our hearts we raise,
Patron of our holy warfare,
Hear our humble hymn of praise.

Chosen lily, virgin Doctor,
Teach us how to follow thee,
Spotless lamb, to Jesus guide us
In our robes of purity.

Aid us in our ceaseless warfare,
War angelic against sin ;
Shield us from the wily tempter,
Pray for us that we may win.
Save our souls from ill,—frail vessels,
Tossing on temptation's sea ;
Guide them safely to the haven
Of a blest eternity.

Soul unspotted ! rendered worthy,
In thy lofty vision's flight,
Deepest mysteries to fathom
By the Paraclete's keen light,

Teach us now by thine example
How to choose the better part,
Seeking out the truths unfolded
Only to the clean of heart.

Pressing onwards through life's journey,
We thy sacred girdle wear ;
Let it be to us the token
Of thy ever-watchful care :
By thy matchless virtue keep us
From all sinful pleasures free,
That in heaven we too may merit
Crowns of spotless chastity.

19 *FAITH OF OUR FATHERS.*

FAITH of our Fathers ! living still,
In spite of dungeon, fire, and sword ;
Oh, how our hearts beat high with joy
Whene'er we hear that glorious word !
Faith of our Fathers ! holy Faith !
We will be true to thee till death.

Our Fathers chained in prisons dark
Were still in heart and conscience free ;

How sweet would be their children's fate,
If they like them could die for thee !
Faith of our Fathers ! holy Faith !
We will be true to thee till death.

Faith of our Fathers ! we will love
Both friend and foe in all our strife,
And preach thee too, as love knows how,
By kindly words and virtuous life.
Faith of our Fathers ! holy Faith !
We will be true to thee till death.

Faith of our Fathers ! guile and force
To do thee bitter wrong unite ;
But all our Saints shall pray for us,
And bring us back thy blessed light.
Faith of our Fathers ! holy Faith !
We will be true to thee till death.

Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament.

O SALUTARIS.

O SALUTARIS Hostia!
Quæ cœli pandis ostium;
Bella premunt hostilia,
Da robur, fer auxiliûm.

Uni trinoque Domino
Sit sempiterna gloria,
Qui vitam sine termino
Nobis donet in patria.
Amen.



Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament.

—o—

O SALUTARIS.

O SAVING Victim! opening wide
The gate of heaven to man below;
Our foes press on from every side;
Thine aid supply, Thy strength bestow.

To Thy great name be endless praise,
Immortal Godhead, one in three;
Oh, grant us endless length of days
In our true native land with Thee.
Amen.

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TANTUM ERGO.

TANTUM ergo Sacramentum
Veneremur cernui :
Et antiquum documentum
Novo cedat ritui :
Præstet fides supplementum
Sensuum defectui.

Genitori, Genitoque
Laus et jubilatio :
Salus, honor, virtus quoque
Sit et benedictio :
Procedenti ab utroque
Compar sit laudatio. Amen.

V. Panem de cœlo præstitisti eis.

R. Omne delectamentum in se habentem.

Oremus.

DEUS, qui nobis sub Sacramento mirabili,
passionis tuæ memoriam reliquisti: tribue,
quæsumus, ita nos corporis et sanguinis tui
sacra mysteria venerari; ut redemptionis tuæ
fructum in nobis jugiter sentiamus. Qui vivis,
&c. Amen.

TANTUM ERGO.

Down in adoration falling,
 Lo ! 'the sacred Host we hail ;
 Lo ! o'er ancient forms departing,
 Newer rites of grace prevail
 Faith for all defects supplying
 Where the feeble senses fail.
 To the everlasting Father,
 And the Son who reigns on high,
 With the Holy Ghost proceeding
 Forth from each eternally,
 Be salvation, honour, blessing,
 Might and endless majesty. Amen.

V. Thou didst give them bread from heaven.

R. Containing in itself all sweetness.

Let us pray.

O GOD, who, under a wonderful Sacrament,
 hast left us a memorial of Thy passion ; grant
 us, we beseech Thee, so to venerate the sacred
 mysteries of Thy Body and Blood, that we
 may ever feel within us the fruit of Thy re-
 demption. Who livest, &c. Amen.

DIVINE PRAISES.



BLESSED be God.

Blessed be His Holy Name.

Blessed be Jesus Christ, true God and true
man.

Blessed be the Name of Jesus.

Blessed be Jesus in the Most Holy Sacrament
of the Altar.

Blessed be the great Mother of God, Mary
most holy.

Blessed be her holy and Immaculate Concep-
tion.

Blessed be the name of Mary, Virgin and
Mother.

Blessed be God in His Angels and in His
Saints.

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